GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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REMOVAL OF DUTY ANOMALIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether synthetic fibre manufacturers in the country are very much peeved and want immediate removal of duty anomalies which are putting burden on the industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether import from South-Eastern countries is much cheaper than indigenous goods resulting in units being shut down due to lack of level playing field; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation for the domestic fibre manufacturing units?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA).

(a) & (b): In the Budget proposals for 2001-2002, Basic Customs Duty(BCD) on DMT, PTA, MEG and Caprolactum is proposed to be brought down to 20%, which is same as that on Polyester Fibre/Yarn, Acrylic Fibre and Nylon Filament Yarn.

(c) & (d) : The proportion of imports to total consumption is low. India is also exporting Synthetic Fibre/Yarns to other countries. However, specific cases of import of cheap fibres/yarns qualifying as `dumping` can be investigated by the competent authority.